

REGISTRATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SIGNATORY JURISDICTIONS

Pursuant to, and in conformance with, the laws of their respective jurisdictions, the lawfully authorized officials of each jurisdiction do mutually agree to grant reciprocity covering the interstate or intrastate operation of motor vehicles in accordance with the following provisions and conditions:

I. Purpose and Principle

- A. It is the purpose and principle of this Agreement to grant full reciprocity to passenger cars and non-commercial vehicles and interstate reciprocity to commercial vehicles.
- B. This Agreement shall also provide for the recognition of license plates displayed on vehicles that are properly licensed under the laws of the issuing jurisdiction.

II. Definitions

Base

The place where a vehicle is most frequently dispatched, garaged, serviced, maintained, operated or otherwise controlled, and from which it ordinarily departs and to which it ordinarily returns.

Bus

A motor vehicle designed for carrying more than 10 persons, including the driver, and used for the transportation of persons and a motor vehicle, other than a taxi cab, designed and used for the transportation of persons for compensation. The term does not include a vehicle owned by a natural person or school, religious, or tax-exempt charitable organization, which is used solely for non-commercial purposes.

Chartered Party

A group of persons, who, pursuant to a common purpose and under a single contract, and at a fixed charge for the vehicle in accordance with the carrier's tariff, lawfully on file with the Interstate Commerce Commission, have acquired the exclusive use of a passenger carrying motor vehicle to travel together as a group to a specified destination or for a particular itinerary, either agreed upon in advance or modified by the chartered group after having left the place of origin.

Commercial Vehicle

A vehicle or combination designed and used for the transportation of persons or property in

furtherance of any commercial enterprise, for hire or not for hire.

Full Reciprocity

The recognition of vehicles properly licensed in a signator jurisdiction and the exempting of such vehicles from further registration for interstate or intrastate operation.

Government

Federal, state, and local governments including Canada and its provinces and territories.

Interstate Operation

The transportation of passengers or property between or through two or more jurisdictions.

Jurisdiction

The states, districts, territories or possessions of the United States, a province or territory of Canada or a foreign country.

Lessee

A person who leases a vehicle and has legal possession of and exclusive use and control of such vehicle.

License

The authority for a vehicle to operate on a highway as evidenced by the issuance of an identifying document and plate or plates. The term includes temporary credentials for use pending issuance of a permanent license.

Non-Commercial Vehicle

A pickup truck or van with a rated carrying capacity of one ton or less used as a passenger conveyance and not used for commercial enterprise.

Passenger Vehicle

A motor vehicle designed for carrying ten passengers, including the driver, or less and primarily used for the transportation of persons.

Restricted Plate

A license that has time (less than a registration year), geographic area, mileage or commodity

restriction and other registrations issued for special vehicle movements including farm plates.

Vehicle

Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except devices used "elusively upon raffs or tracks.

III. Elements of Reciprocity

A. The following types of vehicles shall be granted full reciprocity:

1. Passenger vehicles and non-commercial vehicles properly licensed in the jurisdiction of which the owners are legal and bona fide residents for registration purposes. A person dwelling permanently or continuously for a period exceeding 60 days within a jurisdiction is a resident thereof, except that a person who regularly dwells in two or more jurisdictions shall declare residence to be in any one of the jurisdictions.
 - (a) Residents of reciprocity jurisdictions who are in a non-residence jurisdiction because of their employment and who return to their residence jurisdiction at least weekly may operate their passenger and noncommercial vehicles with their residence jurisdiction license plates.
 - (b) Students who are residents of reciprocating jurisdictions and who are currently enrolled in a school in another jurisdiction may operate their passenger and non-commercial vehicles with their residence jurisdiction license plates while in nonresident student status.
2. Vehicles owned or operated by schools, religious, or tax exempt charitable organizations, and properly licensed in a reciprocating jurisdiction.
3. Vehicles owned by government agencies and operated in an official capacity.
4. Vehicles owned by dealers and manufacturers properly licensed in their residence jurisdiction, provided that such vehicles are in stock, available for sale, testing or demonstration, and that all vehicles capable of carrying a load are unladen.
5. Passenger and non-commercial vehicles owned by military personnel on active duty or their spouses, properly licensed in their residence jurisdiction or last duty station.

B. The following types of vehicles shall be granted temporary full reciprocity-

1. Vehicles with hunter permits as provided in the International Registration Plan for facilitating the movement of the vehicle from one lessee to another for the period of time such permits are valid.
 2. Charter buses transporting chartered parties properly licensed in a reciprocating jurisdiction for a period not to exceed 30 days.
 3. Passenger and non-commercial vehicles with temporary license tags for the period of time such tags are valid.
- C. The following types of vehicles shall be granted reciprocity for interstate operations when properly registered in the jurisdiction where the vehicle is based:
1. Commercial vehicles except those which are required to be registered through an International Registration Plan agreement.
 2. Chartered buses.
 3. Vehicles displaying restricted plates.

IV. Operational Limitations

This Agreement shall not be construed to authorize the operation of any vehicle or combination of vehicles upon the highways of any signator jurisdiction in excess of the maximum weight, width, length or height allowed by the laws of such jurisdiction in which the vehicle is being operated, or contrary to any other provision of the laws, safety rules and regulations, and violation of said laws by any owner or operator, or agent thereof, shall constitute grounds for suspension or revocation of benefits granted herein.

It is further provided that signator jurisdictions reserve the right to cancel the benefits of this Agreement as to any individual operator or owner or carrier if any requirements of this Agreement are not complied with.

V. Interpretation

The final decision regarding interpretation of questions at issue relating to this Agreement shall be reached by joint action of the affected jurisdictions, acting through their proper officials, and shall upon determination be placed in writing.

VI. Amendments

This Agreement may be amended by joint action of the signator jurisdictions; acting through the officials thereof authorized to enter into this Agreement. All amendments shall be placed in writing and become a part hereof.

VII. Other Agreements

Except with respect to the International Registration Plan, this Agreement shall supersede any reciprocal or other agreement, arrangement or understanding between the signator jurisdictions covering, in whole or in part, any of the matters covered in this Agreement; but this Agreement shall not affect any reciprocal or other agreement arrangements or understanding that the signator jurisdictions have entered into with any other non-signator jurisdiction.

VII. Adoption

A jurisdiction may become a signator to this agreement by executing the certification and sending two (2) copies of the agreement to the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA). Upon receipt of such resolution, AAMVA shall provide a copy to each member jurisdiction for the purpose of obtaining the required endorsement. Each member jurisdiction shall notify AAMVA as to its endorsement or rejection of the applicant jurisdiction within 120 days by executing the certification and returning one (1) copy to the AANIVA.

IX. Exceptions

Exceptions to this agreement must be made in written form subject to the approval of the commissioners of the signator jurisdictions.

Any jurisdiction may delete or amend its exceptions by serving copies of the proposed changes and, affixing the effective date of the exceptions. The effective date shall not be less than thirty (30) days after service of the proposed change.

X. Effective Date

This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by the signator jurisdictions and shall continue in full force and effect until cancelled or revoked by proper officials of the signator jurisdictions.

XI. Withdrawal

A signator jurisdiction may withdraw from this Agreement by giving 30 days written notice to the other signator jurisdiction that it will no longer be bound by its terms.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the lawfully authorized officials of the signator jurisdictions have executed this Agreement.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REGISTRATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Registration Reciprocity Agreement was formed to provide a uniform system for the registration of vehicles used interjurisdictionally, and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the agreement to grant full reciprocity to passenger cars and non-commercial vehicles and interstate reciprocity to commercial vehicles.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual and reciprocal benefits to flow therefrom in accordance with the laws of this jurisdiction, the Commissioner acting in pursuant to _____

(Insert statutory authority)

and on behalf of the jurisdiction of _____, does hereby ratify the Registration Reciprocity Agreement with no exceptions - exceptions as attached hereto. (Strike out the phrase that does not apply.)

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the jurisdiction of _____, acting through its duly authorized officials, has caused this resolution to be adopted to make the jurisdiction of _____ a member of and a party to the agreement herein mentioned, subject to the endorsement by all jurisdictions now party to the agreement.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2000

FOR the jurisdiction of _____

BY: _____

Signature

Title

ENDORSEMENT: For the State/Province of _____

As required by Article VIII of the Registration Reciprocity Agreement, this Certification of Ratification is hereby endorsed on this _____ day of _____, 2000

BY: _____

Signature

Title

EXCEPTIONS TO THE REGISTRATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT

MARYLAND

Section 11 - Definitions

Non Commercial Vehicle - A pickup truck or van with a rated carrying capacity of one ton or less used as a passenger conveyance and not used for commercial enterprise. Non-Commercial Vehicle as defined by this agreement also includes vehicles registered as multi-purpose vehicles.

As defined by Section 11-136.1, Maryland Transportation Law, a multi-purpose vehicle is one that:

1. Is designed primarily for carrying persons which is construction on a truck chassis or with special features for occasional off-road operations, or
2. Has 3 wheels, or
3. Is of a unique design.

Section III - Elements of Reciprocity

A. The following @s of vehicles shall be granted full reciprocity'.

1. Passenger vehicles and non-commercial vehicles properly licensed in the jurisdiction of which the owners are legal and bona fide residents for registration purposes. A person dwelling permanently or continuously for a period exceeding 30 days within a jurisdiction is a resident thereof, except that a person who regularly dwells in two or more jurisdictions shall declare residence to be in any one of the jurisdictions.
 - (a) Residents of reciprocity jurisdictions who are in a non-residence jurisdiction because of their employment and who return to their residence jurisdiction at least daily may operate their passenger and non-commercial vehicles with their residence jurisdiction license plates.

B. Passenger and non-commercial vehicles owned by military personnel on active duty or their spouses, properly licensed in their residence jurisdiction.

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SIGNATORY JURISDICTIONS**

JURISDICTIONS	EFFECTIVE YEAR
Indiana	1988
Maryland	1988
Michigan	1988
Pennsylvania	1988
Wisconsin	1992
Maine	1999